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(C) Political Counselor on November 19 raised reftel points concerning USG interest in persuading Kuwait to agree to the elimination of the Level C scale of peacekeeping contributions or to agree to pay at the Level B rate with Nasser Al-Ghanim, First Secretary in MFA's IO department. PolCouns was not able to arrange a joint demarche with UK and French colleagues, but noted to Al-Ghanim the possibility that further demarches from concerned states could be forthcoming. Al-Ghanim agreed to signal USG interest in this matter to his leadership within MFA and at the UN Mission in New York, noting that any decision by Kuwait to agree to a change in scale would only come after deliberations between MFA and Kuwait's Finance Ministry.

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